

## The Disability Rights Center of Kansas

The Disability Rights Center of Kansas (DRC) is a private, 501(c) (3) nonprofit corporation, independent of both state government and disability service providers. Our independence allows DRC to focus on the needs of Kansans with disabilities, providing legal representation in disability rights matters and advocacy for protecting the rights of consumers in Kansas with disabilities under state or federal laws.

DRC is the official protection and advocacy system for Kansas. DRC obtains justice for people with disabilities. We are interested in the broad spectrum of disability rights issues including – abuse & neglect, public accommodations, employment, Medicaid, Home and Community Based Waiver services, Vocational Rehabilitation and other issues. DRC fights for justice through negotiation, client advocacy, administrative hearings, court action, self-advocacy support and technical information assistance and referral.

DRC operates eight federally authorized and funded protection and advocacy programs in Kansas. One of these programs is the Client Assistance Program (CAP).

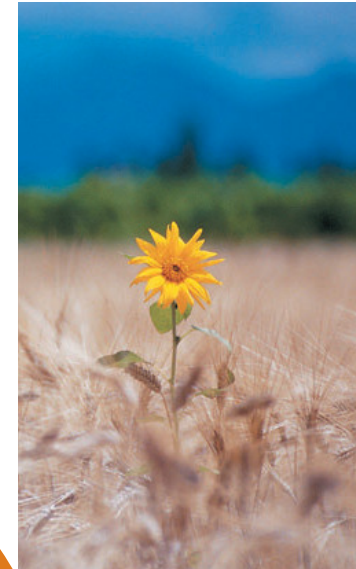
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# Kansas Client Assistance Program



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## Client Assistance Program (CAP)

The CAP provides advocacy services, including administrative, legal and other remedies, to ensure the protection of the rights of persons receiving or seeking services under the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (Vocational Rehabilitation services, Independent Living Center services, Projects with Industries services, or other services under programs funded by the Rehabilitation Act).

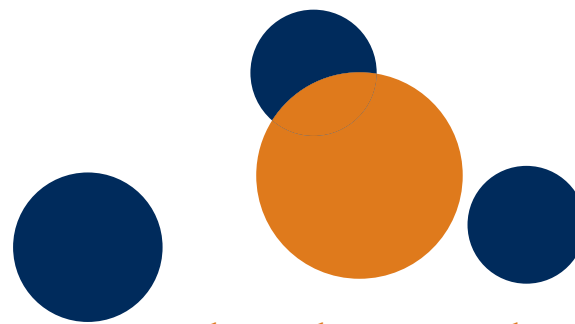
### Who is Eligible for CAP Services?

*Persons who fall under these categories AND meet the eligibility criteria below may be eligible for services under the CAP program:*

- ◆ Kansas Rehabilitation Services clients and applicants
- ◆ Consumers of Independent Living Centers
- ◆ Projects With Industries (PWI) consumers
- ◆ Individuals served by other programs funded under the Rehabilitation Act

### General Eligibility Information for VR Services:

1. You must have a disability and want to work.
2. Your disability must result in a substantial barrier to employment.
3. You are presumed to be able to benefit from rehabilitation services that result in an employment outcome.
4. You must need vocational rehabilitation services to prepare for, enter into, engage in, or retain gainful employment consistent with your strengths, abilities, capabilities, and informed choices.



### Your Rights in the Vocational Rehabilitation System

#### You have the right to:

Apply for services and benefits;

Have a decision made about your eligibility for services within a specific length of time;

Receive quality, cost-effective services to help you meet your vocational and independent living goals;

Expect that all information about you will be kept confidential and used only for your rehabilitation program;

Work with your counselor or service provider to choose goals and services that fit your strengths, abilities, capabilities, and informed choice; and to take an active role in planning your Individualized Plan for Employment (IPE);

Participate in all decisions about any changes in your IPE;

Have access to aids and services, if needed, to assure effective communication regarding your case (i.e. Braille, large print, tape and sign language interpreters);

Request an administrative review or fair hearing if you are dissatisfied with KRS services. Contact the CAP to learn about the appeals process.

### CAP Services DRC may Provides:

- ◆ *Information and Referral (including ADA Title I information)*
- ◆ *Advocacy Representation*
- ◆ *Assistance in Self-Advocacy*
- ◆ *Legal Representation*

### Under the CAP Program DRC Advocates Can...

- Answer questions about issues involving vocational rehabilitation services, other services and programs funded under the Rehabilitation Act and ADA.
- Clarify the rules, regulations, and procedures regarding services and how they apply to your situation.
- Advocate for your legal rights as a consumer, former consumer, or an applicant for services, including legal services
- Provide assistance to you with any problem you may have with eligibility or your Individualized Plan for Employment (IPE).
- Assist you in identifying problems and seeking solutions, and addressing communication problems.
  - Advise and assist with the appeal process.



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